## REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on December 14, 2005 includes a Restriction Requirement that divides Applicants' claimed invention into two groups I and II. Accordingly, Applicants have elected to pursue claims 1-61, which belong to Group I. Amendments have been made to cancel claims 62-66 to expedite prosecution of the claimed invention.

## <u>I.</u> Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby elect claims 1-61, which are the claims of Group I, according to the Examiner's classification.

Applicants have cancelled the non-elected claims 62-66. However, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of non-elected claims 62-66 prior to the issuance of a patent of the elected claims 1-61.

## II. Conclusion

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated, since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2112 (Attorney Docket No. MFCP.102770).

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